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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-117-83

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS


SUBJECT: USE OF GRADUATE STUDENTS TO PROVIDE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

REFERENCE:

Counties are advised that recently adopted language of SB 14 regarding restrictions on use of volunteers to provide child welfare services should not interfere with the longstanding practice of allowing MSW-candidate graduate students to obtain practical field casework experience. As in the past, MSW graduate students may perform any field placement activities required to fulfill their degree requirements.

Also, although SB 14 provisions restrict the use of volunteers with regard to child welfare services, this limitation applies only to the scope of child welfare services defined in W&IC Section 16501. The use of volunteers may continue for other supportive services (e.g., tutoring, parent aids) that fall outside the scope of specific child welfare services as narrowly defined in statute.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to your program operations consultant at (916) 445-7653.


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